



CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS

“KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN AND GREEN” SIGN AND SLOGAN CONTEST

Our City’s Public Works Department recently held a sign and slogan contest for the children in our community. The goal was to find creative and unique ways to carry the message to the public that trashing, littering or dumping into our waterways is not acceptable! The rules were simple. Students had to attend a school within the City of Miami Gardens, slogan and/or image had to share the message that trash does not belong in our canals and lakes, entries had to be the creation of the student. Judging was based on the artwork of the image and the effectiveness, and originality of the slogan.

“The aim of the contest was to increase community awareness of the positive effect that litter free canals have on the environment and the local community image. By getting our children involved with the creation of the signs it helped them to think about what litter does to the environment,” Tom Ruiz, Public Works Director. The Department was excited to receive 180 beautiful pictures and slogans that carried this important message. It was extremely hard to pick winners for this contest, as all the entries were amazing, and all deserve recognition and credit.

The winners in the artwork and slogan categories received monetary prizes and the awards were given to the students at our June 9, 2010 City Council meeting. The top three slogans are:

- 3rd Place: ***“No pollution is the solution!”***- Savannah Kodish
2nd Place ***“Reuse the past, recycle the present, save the future!”***- Erika Martinez
1st Place: (tie) ***“Save our water, do not pollute!”*** -William Robinson and
1st Place: (tie) ***“The solution to end pollution is in your hands”***- Jessica Martinez

The winning artworks are attached for all to view and enjoy. Congratulations to all of our winners!



Erika Martinez



William Robinson



Felix Puello



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